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SUBJECT: TURKISH ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP BENEFITS

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1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ON APRIL 25 AND AGAIN MAY 5

DISCUSSED WITH HAZAR, DIRECTOR, BILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO TURKEY
OF SECTION 502(B)3 OF FOREIGN TRADE ACT. ALSO DISCUSSED
PROCEDURE FOR CONSULTATION AS DESCRIBED REFTEL. VURAL,
MFA EXPERT ON TRADE MATTERS, ALSO TOOK PART IN DISCUSSION.

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2. HAZAR SAID HE BELIEVES (AS GOT HAS IN FACT INFORMED

USG ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS OCCASIONS) THAT GOT AGREEMENT FOR GRADUAL TRANSITION TO FULL MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY HAS, THUS FAR AT LEAST, NOT REPEAT NOT HAD ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. EXPORTS IN TURKEY. HE SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND THAT USG MIGHT CONSIDER THERE IS POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT SOME YEARS HAD WHEN GOT TARIFFS VIS-A-VIS EEC ARE GRADUALLY LOWERED IN ANNUAL REDUCTIONS UNDER GOT-EEC AGREEMENT. VURAL SAID, HOWEVER, VERY LARGE PERCENTAGE (I.E., MORE THAN HALF) OF TURKEY'S IMPORTS FROM U.S. ARE NOW DUTY FREE, BECAUSE THEY CONSIST OF ITEMS NEEDED FOR TURKEY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THESE IMPORTS OBVIOUSLY WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY GOT-EEC AGREEMENT.

3. HAZAR NOTED THAT USG IS INDICATING THAT IT IS WILLING TO UNDER-TAKE CONSULTATIONS ON MANNER IN WHICH ADVERSE EFFECTS MAY BE ELIMINATED, EVEN BEFORE U.S. TRADE COMMITTEE HAS DETERMINED THAT "ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL" ADVERSE EFFECTS MAY EXIST. HE APPRECIATED THAT THIS GIVES GOT A FEW EXTRA WEEKS (OR MONTHS) TO PREPARE FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS ASSUMING THAT USG WILL DETERMINE THAT AT LEAST POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT EXISTS AND NOTING THAT THE CONSULTATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1, 1976. HAZAR ALSO SAID IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE PRECISELY WHAT TYPE OF OFFSETS (AND HOW MUCH) GOT SHOULD OFFER USG PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1976, TO COMPENSATE FOR ADVERSE EFFECTS THAT WOULD BE FELT SOME TIME IN FUTURE.

4. NEVERTHELESS, HAZAR SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER INTERESTED MINISTRIES WITH VIEW TO PREPARING NOTE TO USG REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS. HE EXPECTED GOT WOULD PROPOSE THAT CONSULTATIONS BEGIN AT EARLY DATE AND THAT CONSULTATIONS BE HELD IN GENEVA WHERE GOT TRADE EXPERTS WILL BE TAKING PART IN TOKYO ROUND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

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